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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
COLUMBIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, it appears to my satisfaction that Mary Finney, Mayor of the Town of Liberty, has been duly indicted by the Grand Jury on charges of Embezzlement of Public Funds and Grand Larceny in violation of the Laws of South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Finney is scheduled to be brought to trial pursuant to said indictment, and

WHEREAS, under the above cited circumstances, I, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, am exercising the duty vested in me by Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution of South Carolina, ratified the 13th day of March, 1973, to wit:

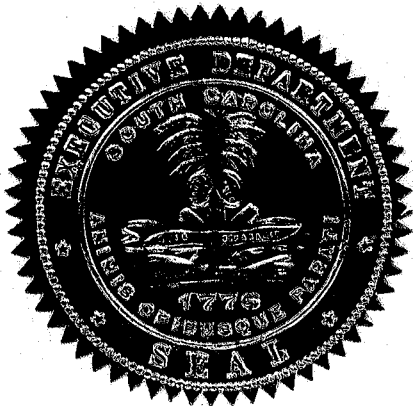
"Section 8. Whenever it appears to the satisfaction of the Governor that probable cause exists to charge any officer of the State or its political subdivisions who has the custody of public or trust funds with embezzlement or the appropriation of public or trust funds to private use, then the Governor shall direct his immediate prosecution by the proper officer, and upon indictment by the grand jury or, upon the waiver of such indictment if permitted by law, the Governor shall suspend such officer and appoint one in his stead, until he shall have been acquitted. In case of conviction, the position shall be declared vacant and the vacancy filled as may be provided by law."

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

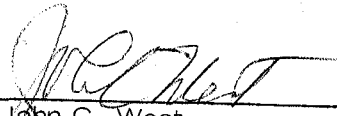
(1) The immediate suspension of Mary Finney from the Office of Mayor of the Town of Liberty until she is formally tried and either acquitted or convicted;

(2) The immediate assumption of the duties of the Office of Mayor of the Town of Liberty by J. W. Reeves, Mayor pro tempore.

This action by me in no manner addresses itself to the question of the guilt or innocence of Mayor Finney, as that matter is properly before a court of competent jurisdiction and shall be determined in accordance with the laws.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina at Columbia, South Carolina, this 11th day of June, 1973.


John C. West
Governor of South Carolina

ATTEST:


O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State